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**WARREN COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
METHAMPHETAMINE AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **BRADLEY JOE BECKHAM**, age 40, of 1080 Three Forks Road, Smiths Grove, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, carrying a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and possession of an unregistered sawed-off shotgun.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$2,750,000 fine, and six years supervised release, with a mandatory minimum sentence of five years imprisonment.

**Beckham** admitted that on April 6, 2005, in Barren County, Kentucky, he possessed approximately three grams of methamphetamine (street value \$300) with intent to distribute and that during and in relation to that drug trafficking crime, he carried an Iver Johnson .22 caliber revolver. He also admitted that on that same date he possessed a Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches which had not been registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and that he possessed both firearms after having been convicted in Hardin Circuit Court in 2003 of complicity to possess a methamphetamine precursor, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. The drugs and firearms were discovered after a traffic

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stop and subsequent arrest by a Barren County Deputy Sheriff. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress and was investigated by the Barren County Drug Task Force, the Barren County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The plea was entered before Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Judge McKinley has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled in approximately eight to ten weeks.

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